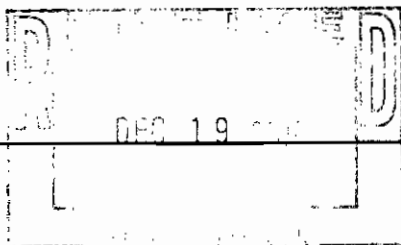


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Honorable Richard J. Holwell  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
50 Pearl Street  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: United States v. Christopher Cabassa, et al, 07  
Cr. 770 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

The next pre-trial conference in the above-referenced case has been re-scheduled for January 3, 2008. In the meantime, the Government will produce any additional discovery and the parties will continue to seek a disposition of the case. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests, with defense counsel's consent, that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until January 3, 2008, because the ends of justice served by excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8).

NEXT PIC 01/03/08 @ 12:00pm.

Time scheduled under the STA  
from today to 1/3/08 in the  
interests of justice for the  
various state claims

SO ORDERED

Respectfully submitted,

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